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SENATE BILL NO. 165

Introduced by: Senators Symens, Dempster, Dennert, Duenwald, Duxbury, LaPointe, McCracken, Moore, Olson (Ed), and Sutton (Duane) and Representatives Peterson (Bill), Burg, Dykstra, Hanson, Peterson (Jim), Sigdestad, and Teupel

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish an Energy Task Force and to make an
2 appropriation therefor.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. There is hereby created the Energy Task Force. The Energy Task Force shall
5 consist of fifteen members appointed by the Legislative Research Council Executive Board. The
6 executive board shall appoint members from the list of nominees presented by the South Dakota
7 Electric Utility Companies, South Dakota Rural Electric Association, South Dakota Municipal
8 League, and Associated General Contractors of South Dakota for members required to represent
9 subdivisions 1 to 4, inclusive, of this section. Each association shall submit at least two
10 nominees by October first in even-numbered years. If any such association fails to provide
11 nominees as provided in this Act, the executive board may appoint members at large without
12 restriction. The members of the Energy Task Force shall be appointed biennially for terms
13 expiring on January first of each succeeding odd-numbered year and shall serve until their
14 respective successors are appointed and qualified. Voting representation on the board shall be
15 the following:



- 1 (1) One person from an investor-owned electrical company;
- 2 (2) One person from a rural electrical cooperative;
- 3 (3) One person from a municipally-owned electrical utility system;
- 4 (4) One person from the construction industry;
- 5 (5) Two persons from renewable energy organizations or associations;
- 6 (6) Two persons from a state supported university or postsecondary technical institute;
- 7 (7) One person from the Public Utilities Commission;
- 8 (8) Two legislators; and
- 9 (9) Four persons at large.

10 The executive board may appoint persons holding public office, appointive or elective,
11 provided that no more than seven members of the task force, at any one time, shall hold public
12 office. No more than nine members may be of the same political party

13 Section 2. A majority of the Energy Task Force members is required to constitute a quorum.
14 The task force shall select a chair and vice-chair and shall be provided with staff assistance from
15 the Legislative Research Council.

16 Section 3. The Energy Task Force shall study energy production, transmission, and
17 consumption. The task force shall give particular study and consideration to matters concerning
18 the environment and providing sufficient and affordable energy. The task force shall seek the
19 development of energy production from all sources and pursue activities making South Dakota
20 an energy exporting state. The task force shall serve as a point of contact, provide a forum,
21 disseminate information on the potential for energy development within this state, and draw
22 upon public input from all those who may be concerned and knowledgeable about energy related
23 activities. The task force may present draft legislation and policy recommendations to the
24 Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council to effectuate its mission.

1 Section 4. Any member of a Energy Task Force may receive travel and subsistence expense
2 in accordance with the rules promulgated by the State Board of Finance. In addition, per diem,
3 not to exceed one hundred dollars per day, may be paid each member for each day of actual
4 service for attending meetings of the task force. Travel, subsistence, and per diem shall be paid
5 on vouchers duly verified and approved according to the rules promulgated by the Board of
6 Finance.

7 Section 5. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of fifty thousand
8 dollars (\$50,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the Legislative Research Council
9 to establish and operate the Energy Task Force.

10 Section 6. The executive director of the Legislative Research Council shall approve
11 vouchers and the state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

12 Section 7. Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated by
13 June 30, 2005, shall revert in accordance with § 4-8-21.